

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison, Nelson (FL), Graham, DeMint, and Representatives Clyburn and Jackson-Lee, Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Deborah A.P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski, and Polly Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THREATS TO NATIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife with the Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a hearing to examine threats to native wildlife species, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin and Nelson (FL); Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Bill Clay, Acting Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Rebecca Humphries, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Gregory M. Ruiz, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, Maryland; John Torgan, Save the Bay Inc., Providence, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Hill, University of Florida, Gainesville.

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how climate change legislation relates to international trade considerations, focusing on key challenges associated with estimating the industry effects from climate change measures, after receiving

testimony from Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia; and Gary N. Horlick, Washington, D.C.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, all of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State and Global Affairs, Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Louis B. Susman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Charles H. Rivkin, of California, to be Ambassador to France, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco, Mark Henry Gitenstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Timothy J. Roemer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to India, Richard J. Schmierer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Gordon Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State.

INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS UNDER CLIMATE POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine industrial competitiveness under climate policies, focusing on lessons from Europe, after hearing testimony from